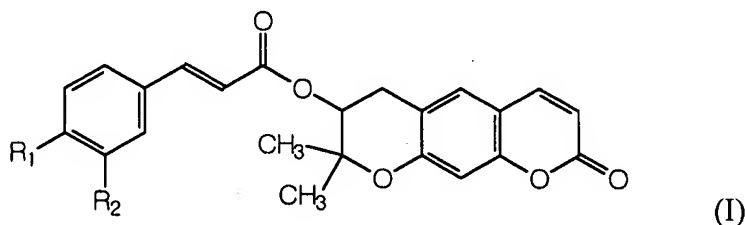


Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

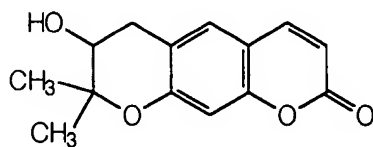
Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A pyranocoumarin derivative compound of the following general formula:

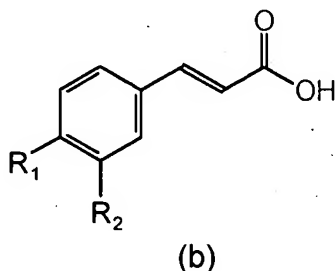


wherein R₁ and R₂ each represent hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkoxy, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Currently amended) An agent A pharmaceutical composition for enhancing cognition, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of the general formula (I) as defined in Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.
3. (Currently amended) A process for preparing the compound of the general formula (I) as defined in Claim 1, ~~comprising the step of~~ which comprises esterifying decursinol of the following formula:

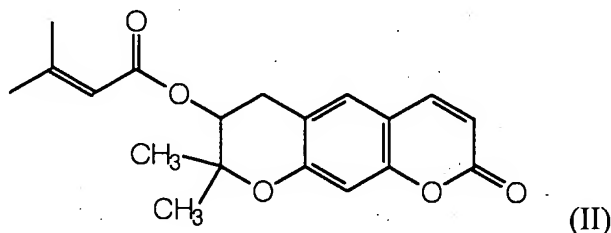


with a phenyl propanoid of the following general formula:



wherein R_1 and R_2 each represent hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkoxy,
whereby a compound of the general formula (I) is obtained.

4. (Currently amended) ~~An agent~~ A method for enhancing cognition in a subject,
comprising ~~decursin of the following formula:~~ administering to said subject a
therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the following formula (II):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient, whereby the
cognition of the subject is enhanced.

5. (Canceled)
6. (New) A method for enhancing cognition in a subject, comprising administering to
said subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of formula (I) as
defined in Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active
ingredient, whereby the cognition of the subject is enhanced.